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Tucker Wins Frosh Race

James Taylor, Rick Cogburn and Stephen Tucker vie for frosh president with political speeches. Tucker's rhetoric won it for him with 219 votes.

Johnson and Coleman Survive Run-Off

As a result of the first run-off election for *Petit Jean* editor and business manager in Harding's history, Pat Johnson and Ron Coleman were elected to the positions for the '73 yearbook.

Miss Johnson, an English major from Imperial Beach, Calif., has worked on the *Petit Jean* the last two years and was Academics Editor. This year besides being organization section editor, Pat will serve as assistant editor to Larry Stewart.

Coleman, an accounting major from Searcy, will help Mike Cole. His main job will be the sale of ads which enable the use of more professional touches, such as color pictures in the yearbook.

Miss Johnson has some definite plans for the yearbook next year. Concerning this she comments, "I want the yearbook to reflect the good things at Harding and the pride I have in the school."



John Clark of American Yearbook Co. instructs the '73 *Petit Jean* heads Pat Johnson and Ron Coleman in preparing an All-American layout. Clark's salesmen carry volumes of the *Petit Jean* as a selling aid because of its excellent rating.

- PHOTO BY TOM ESTES

Benson Evaluates Trip to China; Supports Nixon's Political Move

By Alice Landrum

Dr. George Benson, leader in the National Education Program and former president of Harding College, supports President Nixon's proposed trip to China.

In an interview this Monday, Dr. Benson, a strong opponent of communism, described China's diplomatic overtures as a "bold reversal of a previous long-term trend."

With the following statements Dr. Benson clarified his position on the development in Chinese-U. S. relations:

What is your opinion of Nixon's action?

"A lot of people think it is foolish but it may prove to be very smart. Nixon is a man of keen judgment and seems capable of long-range planning."

How will this trip affect our relations with Russia?

"America at the moment is in trouble with Russia. Russia continues to announce her determination to overthrow all capitalistic nations and specifically announces from time to time her determination to overthrow the United States for the purpose of creating a socialist regime. This is constantly affirmed in their own meetings and Russian publications.

"We didn't fear Russia as long as we were number one in military might. Now we are no longer number one. Russia has caught up and is probably a little ahead in military might. They have more submarines. They have a navy the equal of ours. They have greater nuclear megatonnage than we. They have far more soldiers under arms than we. Nixon's request to Congress for more appropriations for stronger defenses for purposes of superior military strength has not been honored. In fact Congress seems to be still following the McNamara Plan which was to allow Russia to gain equality in military strength with hope that she would then be no longer afraid of the U. S. and would limit armaments and live in peace. Congress still refuses any solid appropriations for preserving military leadership in the hands of the U. S. Russia however has shown no inclination to mellow

but is continuing to build rapidly. Therefore America has reason for deep concern.

"If we can't build military superiority then what is the only alternative? Alliances with other nations. What nations? We have not allowed Japan to re-arm since World War II. West Germany, England and France are so close to Russia that they are afraid to offer resistance since Russia could overwhelm them immediately.

"China probably offers the most valuable possibility for an effective alliance against Russian might. China has good reason to fear Russia. They are in dispute about the territory lying to the north of China and Russia is building up quite considerable strength on the Chinese border.

"The last thing Russia would

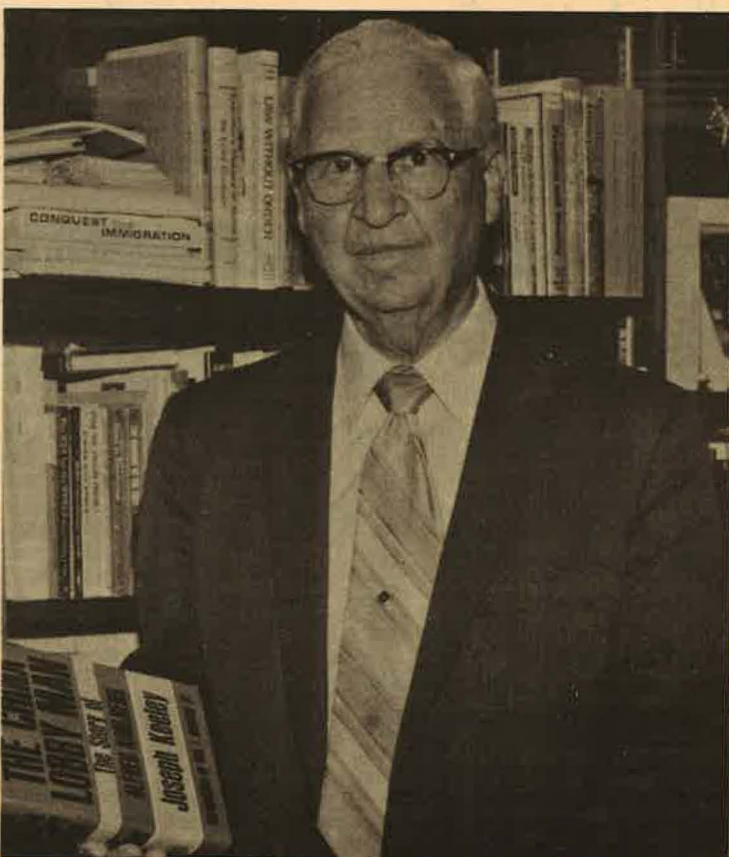
want would be to become involved in a struggle with America and then have China attack her on the opposite side."

Is China capable of strongly resisting Russia?

"The way the North Vietnamese have been able to resist in Vietnam is an indication of how China might resist a Russian attack. China probably could be our most valuable ally in this present crisis. Probably Nixon has something like this in mind in view of China's concern with Russia's might."

What is your opinion of U. S. endorsement of China into the U. N.?

"For America to dump Taiwan from the Counsel of the U. N. in favor of mainland China is a very significant move. On the surface it looks like throwing (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)



President Emeritus George S. Benson, now serving as director of the National Education Program, approves of President Nixon's current political tactics in dealing with Red China.

- PHOTO BY KRIS WEST

Debate Team Plans Announced

By Nancy McCluggage

Fourteen Harding students are on the debate team which is sponsored by Dr. Evan Ulrey, head of the speech department.

The topic under debate this year is "Resolved: Greater controls should be imposed upon the gathering and utilization of information about U. S. citizens by government agencies." Preparation involves endless hours of research to discover new arguments concerning the invasion of privacy.

Eight students, the road team, will represent Harding over a seven-state area in twelve tournaments with about forty schools participating in each one. A tournament includes six rounds of debates in teams plus individual events. Tonkawa, Okla., is the site of the team's first tournament to be held the first week in October.

Susan Clark, a freshman debater, describes college debating as "scary" and "takes more guts." Tom Estes, a two and one-half year veteran debater, adds, "The greatest lesson I have learned is that nothing can be sliced so thinly that it still doesn't have two sides."

Proficient debaters are extended invitations for membership in a national honorary forensics fraternity, Pi Kappa Delta. Membership is also available to anyone on campus who has spoken before five non-class audiences. Names should be given to Dr. Ulrey who has recently been elected to the Grand Council of Pi Kappa Delta.

Future plans for the debate team include attending a Student Congress in Little Rock in the middle of November. The season ends after the first half of the second semester.

Pledging Activities Plotted

By Martha Townsend

Get ready. Pledge week is just around the corner.

Yes sir, "fun" days are not very far away for all the freshman girls and boys.

Oct. 4, the day that bids are sent out, marks the beginning of that fateful week. On Oct. 5, initiation commences. Pledges are made to engage in all sorts of "worthwhile" activities. These include many things from shaving your pledgemaster in the Heritage cafeteria to entertaining your new "friends" with a few choruses of Harding's fight song on the Cobb table tops. The week terminates with rough initiation which takes place on Friday, Oct. 8 and which should end at 2 a.m. Saturday.

But how does one join a club? For the girls, this Sunday, a Club Fair will be held from two to four in the Rhodes Memorial Field House. There, each social

club will have a booth for interested freshmen and transfer girls to come by and meet their members. Each girl will be given a pledge sheet on which she will be asked to write down, in order, her first five choices. These will be given to the clubs indicated. They will vote in the girls that they will admit, and they will send out bids to those selected.

The boys do not have a mass meeting such as this. They get acquainted with the clubs through intramural sports. Also, clubs will hold meetings to which they will invite all the boys interested in joining their club. They, too, fill out a sheet and the clubs vote. Bids are sent out at the same time.

Newcomers to Harding are encouraged to join the clubs, for many activities revolve around club life. Such events as banquets, athletic competition and service projects are all part of Harding life.

From the Editor's Desk:

Utopian Ethics Distort Harding Image

A very witty letter mysteriously appeared on my desk several weeks ago. The author is obviously a disgruntled newcomer to Harding who didn't know what she was getting into when she came here. Her pseudonym—Ann O. Tate.

The guise of the piece is that of a letter from Miss Tate's cousin Sally, who attends Utopia Christian College of Mearcy, Maine, "nestled in the quiet foothills of the Ozone Mountains." The introductory sentence to her cousin's letter reads: "I wish you would particularly notice how dissimilar UCC and Harding really are." Oh I did, Ann O. Tate.

The first few paragraphs are full of unsubtle attempts at innuendoes about the difficult accessibility of Mearcy, the rats in Patticake Hall which "generally keep the cockroach population in ecological balance" and required blood tests administered by Dr. Headless. A bit of exaggerated triteness.

But she really starts hacking with the transcript of the "wonderful speech" Dr. Clifton, president of UCC, made the first day of chapel. And I quote:

"Utopia Christian College is a four-year, conservative arts Christian college run by a board of trustees and a dozen or so wealthy alumni. At UCC we believe in an atmosphere conducive to Christian growth and development and staying out of trouble. It is for this reason that we here at UCC have certain rules we must go by.

"Our goal is to provide an atmosphere in which a student need not make a moral decision of any sort. If UCC approves of an activity, you need not wonder if it is right or wrong, because we've already made that decision for you. We are proud to announce that one of our honor students last year accomplished the amazing feat of completing four years of work at UCC while making only five moral decisions on his own during that time. If you'll cling to the institution for support in making all your decisions, you

can accomplish the same thing. You will be a person perfected by the institution while all of your friends who went to state schools will regret those four years that they were made to be free moral agents.

"We should like to call your attention to the lack of barbed wire fences at the periphery of campus. This is for a specific purpose. It is so we can remind you of your freedom any time you become too critical of the institution. If you don't like UCC, all you have to do is forfeit \$2200, lose all your college work, incur the undying wrath of your parents who sent you here and simply walk off campus. No fuss, no muss."

Somewhat dramatic, don't you think? But I admit she has a talent with a pen full of sarcasm in her hand. Although both colleges seem to "believe in an atmosphere conducive to Christian growth and development" and both have "certain rules we must go by," actually Harding is dissimilar to Utopia Christian.

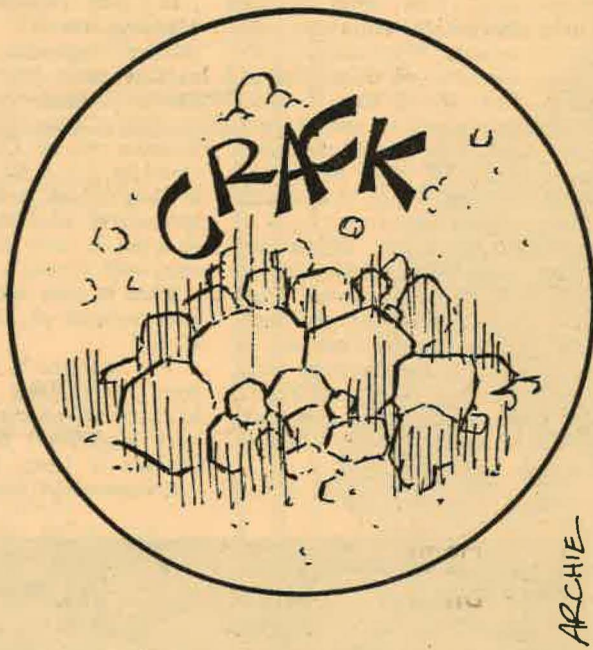
The moral decisions made by Harding students before 10 or 11 or 12 p.m. are just as individual and as difficult as those made by the free moral agents of state schools. One advantage most of us here have in making such decisions is a Christian background — although from the looks of the front lawn and the tennis courts about half an hour before belltower time, one wonders about some of us.

Sure, the rules about skirt length and hair are stricter than what some of us are used to. But face it — ours is a college with a Christian image to maintain, a private college run on money from Christian alumni and supporters of Christian education.

If you just can't appreciate the really good atmosphere of Harding College and can't bear the super-strict-but-ever-becoming-more-human rules, don't feel trapped.

Anyone who really wants to leave to do their own thing elsewhere will. Bon voyage, I'm sticking with it!

— K. B.



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Communication:

Shopping for Friends

By Phil Johnson

Little Big Man — a quote from the old Indian chief: "A world without human beings has no center."

Just a reminder for those of us who want to think about friendship for a moment and who are tempted to treat one another like groceries rather than people. Yes, grocery shopping is easy and efficient now days; just walk along a well ordered shelf, and choose according to taste.

But this "choosing according to taste" has found its unwanted presence among our relationships with one another. There goes Mr. Personality, walking among all the individuals of a day who are candidates for his love and friendship (because they are there confronting him), but he has determined before he started what type of individual is worthy of his friendship. He is very sure who fits and who does not. "This one can make it with me, this one

can't." All is in order for him — like soup cans neatly stacked on the pantry shelf. He has successfully gathered around him a small group of friends so dully like himself, and so easily characterized by a few badly balanced sub-culture traits. Exclusive. Small.

But then here is Miss — what's her name — the one none of us can "peg," because her life seems to be so willfully open to such a variety of us. Her acceptance does not require us to qualify for her love. She so deliberately bestows her friendship on people — because they are people. She experiences interaction with many on many levels, enlarging her capacity to love with each new personality, happy to let the differences stand.

Communication stands on the willfull, deliberate love of the few like what's her name. Even Mr. Personality finds in her acceptance a little rest in the lonely times.

Fifth Column

To Folks, With Love

By Tim Bruner

Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm sorry that I haven't written home before now, but the life of a freshman is very difficult. We arrived here in good shape that first Sunday and have been here ever since.

My new roommate and I get along just great. He studies constantly. I guess that he just never learned in high school that studying doesn't really help; it's what you know that counts.

Mom, I accidentally discovered the easiest way to dye underwear and white T-shirts pink. Remind me to tell you about it when I come home.

I have had one date since I've been here. The girl's name is Nancy, and she seems like a super-nice girl. But when I was introducing her to my roomie, I accidentally called her Linda. Since then she has had to study every night for some test.

Our class had elections for class officers this past week. I was going to run for president, but I found out that the candidates were required to give speeches to the entire class. I guess I won't major in political science.

We have to choose the social club we would like to join next week, but I can't decide which one is the best. A large club has offered me a full scholarship to play flag football for them. A small club has promised not to hurt me if I pledge them. It's a tough decision.

The upperclassmen really have it made around here. They have air conditioned dorms, special parking privileges, no curfew and even an insurance man who comes to see them in their rooms.

Just imagine, when I get to be an upperclassmen and a member of a club, I too can write on the top of the desks in the American Studies building. They say it's something really worth waiting for.

Academically speaking, they are not as strict here as I thought they would be. Just to test the degree of difficulty, I failed three 4-weeks exams last week, and I'm still here. I haven't flunked out or anything.

Last night I was going to study four hours for my P. E. test, but my watch stopped after ten minutes. Speaking of watches, one of my teachers uses a calendar instead of a watch to tell when to dismiss us.

Some of the upperclassmen have been trying to pull swifities on the freshmen. Last night my roomie bought a chapel seat for only \$3.95, on the back row. I'm glad that gullibility isn't contagious.

My specific duty will be to raise the flag all of next week, which reminds me that I have to go get the keys to the flagpole from a Dr. Pruitt on the fourth floor of the American Studies building tomorrow at 4:30 a.m.

Mom and Dad, my nine-weeks grades will be mailed to you soon. As you evaluate a portion of my outdated educational measurements, please remember that I am merely a freshman whose instability and insecurity are outweighed only by the financial deficiencies from which I suffer.

Respectfully submitted,
Freddie Freshman

Letters to the Editor ...

Americanism, Christianity ... Identical?

Dear Editor:

On Sept. 10, the *Bison* published a letter from John Brunner on the Christian's responsibility to government. The major thrust of Mr. Brunner's thoughts seem to be summed up in the statement, "Are you ready to express your love by dying today for what you believe? It takes a selfless Christian love to be willing to die at Lexington, Mass., so others may have privileges held so dear." He then goes on to list the rights of unknown foreigners in World War II and the freedom of Vietnamese rice farmers to harvest their crops as other objects of this "selfless," dying love of the Christian.

Perhaps I should clarify Mr. Brunner's point further before proceeding. I assume that by "dying for what you believe," he doesn't mean being martyred. At least this was not the case in Lexington, Mass., nor was it the case in World War II.

He must refer to dying for what one believes while engaged in the activity of trying to kill off as many enemies as one can. So the necessary corollary to being willing to die for what one believes is, in Mr. Brunner's opinion, being willing to kill for what one believes.

The point to which I object is Mr. Brunner's attitude that Americanism equals Christianity. The implication is clear in Mr. Brunner's letter that "dying for what you believe" is dying for America's purposes, for all of his examples are drawn from America's various wars.

But why is it that the American system, capitalism, is so often equated with Christianity? Why not Communism? We have an example of Christians in Jerusalem living communally. Does not Communism call for cooperation of all men for the common good? Or why not equate Christianity with Fasc-

ism? Or with any other human system of government that anyone might want to dream up?

The stock answer to this question is, "but America is a God-fearing nation built on a foundation of belief in God, and all these other systems are Godless." Who said that America is necessarily the most holy nation, approved by God as the policeman of the world? America is not a Christian nation, nor is capitalism a Christian economic system. Good old America, as many historians admit, is largely responsible for the worship of materialism and the worship of science and technology. As an economist can tell you, capitalism is the economic belief that by each element of the economy pursuing his own personal gain, the common good will result.

Is this Christianity? The point is not that I am advocating Communism or Fascism. The point is that, like Fascism and Communism, Americanism is a human system, full of weaknesses and does not deserve to be equated with Christianity.

If we allow ourselves to see Christianity and Americanism as interchangeable equals, we must also leave the gate open for others to do the same with their own national beliefs. And we will end in the same predicament that Europe was during their "Holy Wars." Each nation, with the belief that God was on their side, charged into bloody mutilation against each other

with the cry, "God save the king." Will two Christians in the twentieth century ever march into battle against each other, each intent upon killing the other — IN THE NAME OF CHRISTIANITY?

I thought Mr. Brunner's last paragraph of advice was very good. He stated, "Trust in Christ. Read His word. Pray. Take a stand. Don't compromise. Pray. Be ready to die. Love what is good. Hate what is evil. Pray. Be vigilant." I would like to echo those words. Trust in Christ — not capitalism or any other human political system. Read his word — especially Eccl. 20:13 and Matt. 5:21-22. Pray for peace. Take a stand — for Christ, not for any man. Love what is good — peace, joy, long suffering. Hate that which is evil — hate, malice, war. Be vigilant — if the temptor can get you off the track and make you believe that your service to Christ involves murder for human systems, he has gained a convert.

Christianity is too great and too perfect to be brought down to the mere human level of capitalism, Americanism, or any other ism. How can battles of bloodshed for which the prize is supposed "freedom" ever draw the Christian's loyalty away from the fight against the powers of sin and death in which the prize is true freedom? It can't.

Mark Frost

Dear Editor,

I write these few thoughts concerning a recent letter you published by a Mr. John Brunner, dealing with active pacifism. Seeing that this is a very complex subject indeed, I feel that Mr. Brunner over-simplified and misquoted his way through the entire content of his text.

This letter is not intended to be a rebuttal, for that would warrant more space than can possibly be allotted for a letter to the editor. I simply and briefly wanted to express my concern that we, as the reading public, should be exposed to more than just one view in this matter.

I realize that this would be a challenge to your staff, for there are so many differing opinions. Some people's atti-

tudes toward the government remind me of Uncle Sam singing "My God and I." I ask the questions, "Is the government God's tool in sending men to fight? If it isn't, should we take the road leading away from war, and whatever idealistic goals it says it will accomplish?"

I would like to see you print a series of well-thought and well-documented articles on the Christian conscience and war. Certainly there are others beside myself who would be most interested in this, as it is a deep concern to many young Christians.

... and let us reason together. Isa. 1:18.

Steve Hostetler

Editor's Note: Thanks for the idea. We're working on it.

— K. B.

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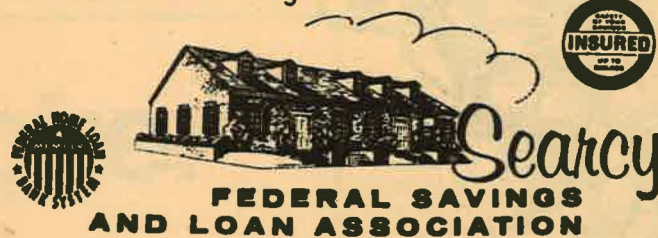
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Coffeehouse Premiere

...And Countryman Came to the Cobb...The Beginning



Combining the dismal love of country-western with the contemporary sound of James Taylor, Tina Countryman performed as guest entertainment at the premier SA coffeehouse.

— PHOTO BY KENNY SIMS

By Kathy Burton

"Countryman is coming to the Cobb!" advertised the S.A. for last Friday's coffeehouse. And Countryman came to the Cobb.

Tina Countryman, a 14 year old with a country Carole King voice, presented two shows of sounds from James Taylor's "You've Got a Friend" to Brenda Lee's "Johnny One-Time" to a packed Patti Cobb Cafeteria Friday night.

Tina's a ninth grader at Treadwell High School in Memphis. It all began there three years ago when she entered her school's talent show with a religious medley of songs. Her "teacher fell out" at the fact that Tina really could sing.

The medley of religious songs was a symbolic beginning for Tina Countryman's career. Talking about this she revealed: "Religion is very important to my life. Religion is near to my heart. I'm not going to turn into any whisky a go-go dancer or anything. I'm going to stay a Christian."

The poor teacher who "fell out" encouraged her to capitalize the country-western quality of her voice. Tina did, winning in the Northeast Optimist Club of Memphis and the Mid-South Fair talent competitions.

Tina's contact with the broadcast media includes the "Mid South Fair Talent Revue" on Memphis television station WREC, several spots with the "Dan Kraft Show" of KSUD radio and last April's tape for CBS's summer replacement of the "Carol Burnette Show," "The Newcomer Show."

She has also performed at the Arkansas Jamboree, the Von Theatre in Hernando, Miss., former Tennessee Governor Frank Clements' Blue Room, a political rally for Congressman Dan Kuykendall, Frontierland and just last month with country-western star Faron Young in Horseshoe Bend.

Horseshoe Bend was where Coach Richard Johnson met Tina Countryman and decided that she was Harding College coffeehouse material. As a result of last weekend's visit, Tina has decided that she is also Harding College student material.

While Coach Johnson is working on a scholarship for the singer, she is making plans to hit Searcy again Homecoming

weekend and return in four years to certify in American History and English. "I'll pick up my guitar and sing American History songs to my class."

The Countryman family consists of two parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Countryman "who will soon celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary," Mrs. Countryman pointed out, one 18 year old sister, one 26 year old sister who is married and has three children, and a dog named Wee Willy Boy.

The seven year old Pomeranian whom Tina's mother treats like a son has always been in competition with his singing human sister. "In fact," Mrs. Countryman recalled, "he won his first 1st Place before she did."

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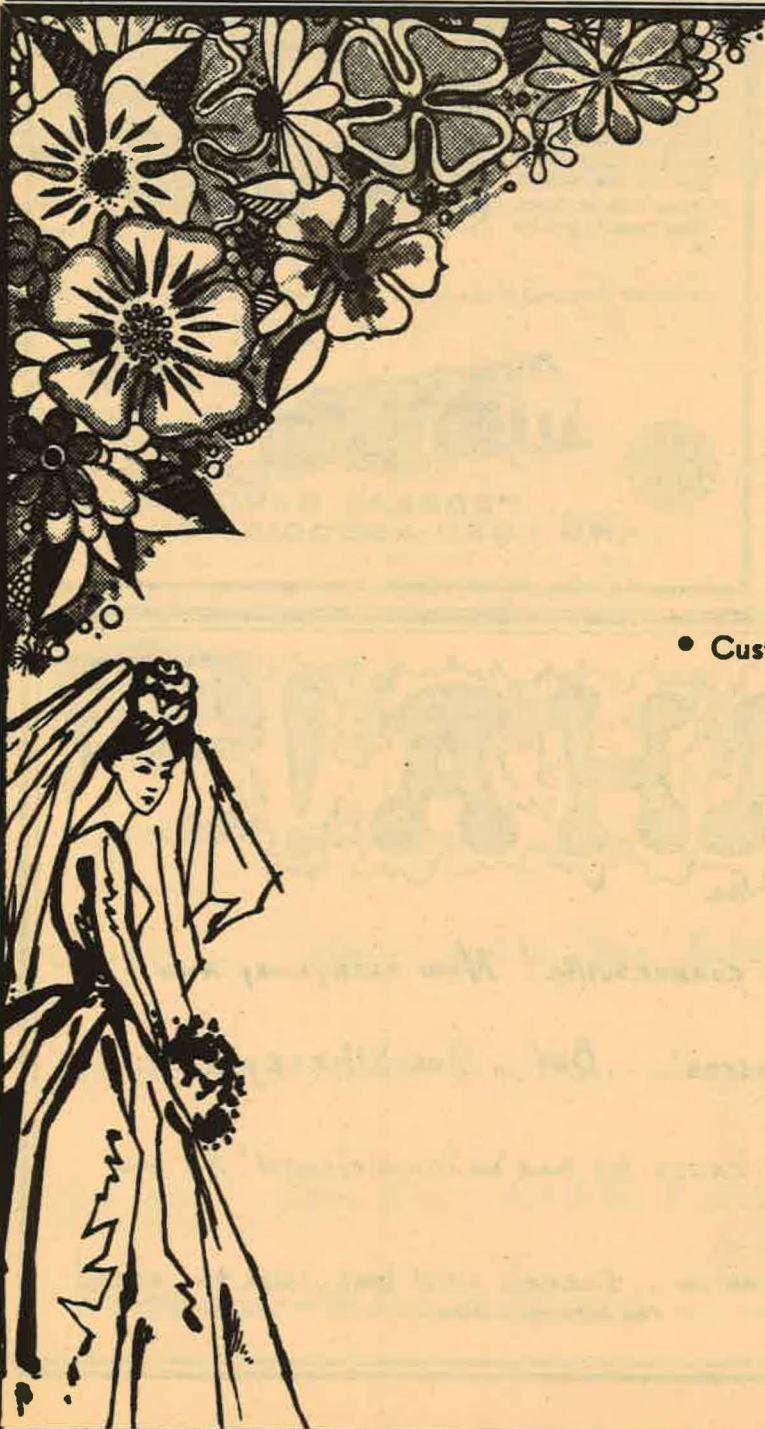
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American Force in Viet Nam Wanes

By Ken Kendall-Ball

The war in Vietnam will be over for most American soldiers in 1972. Present troop strength in Vietnam will be reduced to approximately 45,000 by the end of next year, according to Pentagon projections.

These 45,000 troops will be concentrated in three key areas: Da Nang in the north, Cam Ranh Bay in the central sector and Long Binh in the south near Saigon. The bases will serve mainly to speed training of Vietnamese troops, and to funnel supplies to Saigon's forces.

GI's will still be called on to fight and protect these bases, and casualties will continue to be suffered. However, it is not today's draftee who will be doing the fighting. Most of the men for these bases will be drawn from those already in Vietnam.

The threat of being sent to Vietnam is rapidly fading for American males of draft age.

Young men will no longer be called on to fight in a war in which they do not believe. They will not be called on to defy country or conscience over the

question of "Can a Christian go to war?" There will no longer be a need to run to Canada to escape the draft, although some will still do this. The same applies to burning draft cards.

The men will still have to face a draft call, but their service will be a peace time one, probably in the States or Western Europe. Harding men can now conceivably "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesars" without violating biblical teachings or personal beliefs and conscience.

This proposed end to the war will also generate a new feeling in the hearts of many people. Undoubtedly some will detest their government for its compromises in Indo-China, but the majority will see their nation in a new light: to them America will have attained a greater maturity among the family of nations.

The withdrawal of troops from Vietnam will no doubt please thousands of young men across the nation. More than this, though, is the consideration that they may experience a resurgence of confidence in President

Nixon — something sure to be important in the 1972 elections.

It is not to be thought, however, that an end to the war will mean an end to the youth-establishment confrontation.

Fall Enrollment: A Big 2062 In '71

This semester's registration of 2062 constitutes the largest student body Harding has ever enrolled.

The largest class is the freshman class numbering 581, with 268 men and 313 women. The senior class follows with 474 students, 243 men and 232 women.

The junior class numbers 468 with 247 men and 221 women. The smallest class is the sophomore class with 462 members. It consists of 221 men and 241 women.

There are 45 graduate students and 32 post-graduate and special students. The women once again this year out number the men. There are 1007 women students and 978 men students.

Forty eight states are represented. The largest number of students live in Arkansas and states surrounding Arkansas. Also included in the enrollment figure are 41 foreign students. These students come from 20 different countries.

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Harding College Ed. Testing Service Designated as Center for GRE Program

The Graduate Records Exam has been scheduled this year for Harding's testing program.

Discontinued three years ago by the Educational Testing Service, the G.R.E., through efforts of Dr. Bobby Coker, assistant professor of education, has been reinstated at Harding, which now qualifies as a National Testing Center.

Previously, the E.T.S. substituted the Undergraduate Records Exam, mainly for purpose of gaining a good indication of the graduating senior's ability. The G.R.E.'s major function has been for purpose of admission to graduate schools.

Primarily responsible for bringing back the G.R.E., Dr. Coker began making efforts for Harding to become a National Testing Center when the records exams were first discontinued. The E.T.S., however, refused requests on the basis that Harding's location is situated too closely to Conway and Little Rock, other National Testing Centers.

Dr. Coker and associates have proved this summer to be successful, though, as they have convinced the E.T.S. that Harding has enough participants for the G.R.E. to justify becoming a center.

Test schedules for the '71-'72 school year include G.R.E. dates: October 23 for the Fall term; February 26, for the spring term; and June 17 for the summer semester. The exam is available to anyone desiring to take it, but is required of all seniors at Harding. According to Dr. Coker, every senior has to take the aptitude part of the test, and those certifying to teach must take the National Teacher's Exam.

News Briefs

Attica, N. Y. Forty-eight of the 60 prisoners who have been segregated as troublemakers and leaders of the five-day rebellion at Attica State Prison have gone on a hunger strike in which they refuse to eat any meal containing pork.

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New York. Dr. Dan Ellsberg said Monday that he expected to go to prison for the rest of his life when he made the decision to make the Pentagon Papers public. Several of the volumes have been turned over to the government by the Defense Department and will be printed for sale to the public.

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Washington. A bill providing for a two-year extension of the draft was sent from Congress to President Nixon's office on Tuesday for his signature. The bill does away with college deferments and includes a record pay raise for servicemen.

Benson . . .

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out a friend to take in an enemy, but Taiwan would be totally ineffective in opposing Russia whereas mainland China could be quite effective. Therefore Nixon could be playing a trump card in an attempt to work out a satisfactory understanding regarding Russia."

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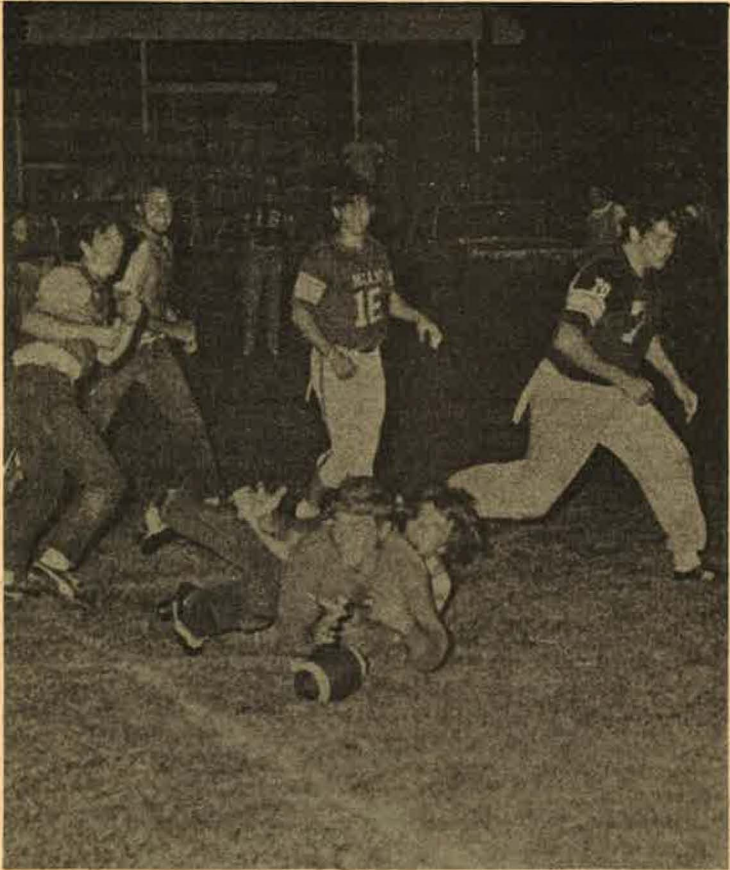
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A loose football is the object of attention when scrambling takes place in this intramural flag football game. — PHOTO BY TOM ESTES

By Doug Shields

Intramural sports this fall have generated greater participation and more enthusiasm than ever before, according to Cecil M. Beck, Director of Intramural Athletics.

"The students make the intramural program," said Mr. Beck. "Every year we've got a lot of kids who just want to play ball and we try to keep things organized."

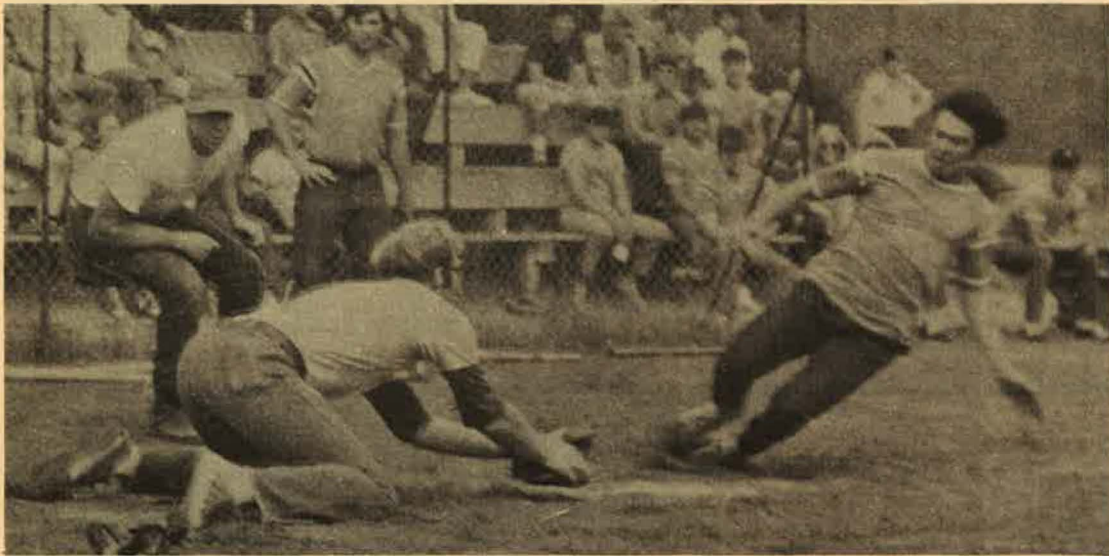
This fall intramural softball and intramural football have attracted the attention of many student athletes and spectators. The title races in both softball and football look like they will produce close finishes. In softball the A's, Orioles, and Reds look like contenders. The A's added a feather to their cap by defeating the highly-touted faculty last weekend. The Lions and the Raiders lead their respective divisions in rag-tag football.

The football program is composed of some twelve teams in two divisions, Eastern and Western. The softball program has twelve teams in two leagues, American and National. The faculty field teams in both sports, but their games do not count in the final standings.



Kappa Sig Dan Daniels beats out the throw to first base in a club game against Sub-T in "B" team competition.

— PHOTO BY TOM ESTES



Umpire Edd Eason keenly observes as Mark Moore attempts to slide safely at home, while catcher Greg Franz uses his size to keep the runner from scoring. This Saturday morning game between Galaxy and Sub-T "A" teams resulted in a victory and a berth in the finals for Galaxy.

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Harding Women Go Intercollegiate

Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball . . .

by Marilyn McInteer

Has Women's Lib started a movement on Harding's campus? Believe it or not, fellows, the gentler sex is starting a multi-division program in intercollegiate sports.

For the first time in the history of Harding, women will coach and play in several activities against other colleges. Spearheading the program are Mrs. Barbara Barnes and Mrs. Kathryn Campbell.

The sports involved in the proposed project include volleyball, tennis and basketball, with badminton as a possible addition. The volleyball games will be held during the fall semester, and basketball will be played in the spring. Schedules for tennis include matches during both semesters. Badminton is proposed for the spring.

The purpose of the program is to let the women, especially

physical education majors, be involved in sports activities outside of Harding. By participating with other colleges, they will be able to practice their coaching and playing ability on a different level. The exposure will be good preparation for those who wish to coach after receiving degrees.

Due to the time element and lack of funds, the participants from Harding will not be accredited with the Arkansas Womens Extramural Sports Association.

Plans call for three away volleyball games before Christmas. The return matches will be scheduled for Harding. Tennis sets will be played on the same nights as the games.

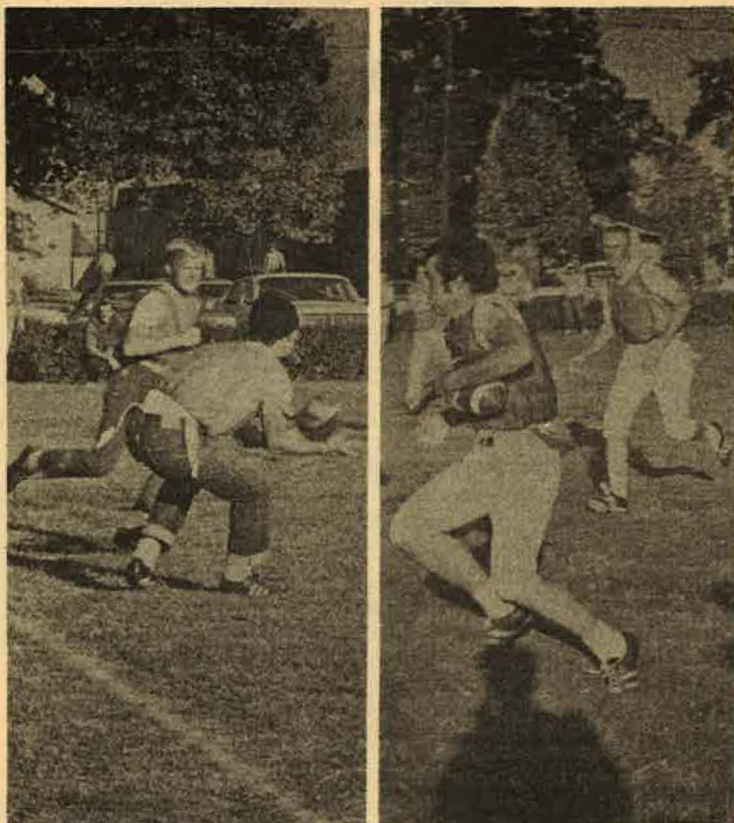
If enough enthusiasm is shown, two squads of girls will be chosen for volleyball. The players will be picked from those who are P. E. majors. Tennis will be open to all who have a

desire to play for the college.

Transportation and meals for the away games will be provided by Harding. The P. E. majors uniform will be the starting dress for the squads.

Letters have been sent in an effort to schedule games. The schools being contacted are UALR, Beebe Junior College, and Crowley's Ridge Junior College. As in intramurals, the rules for the games are those approved by the Division of Girls and Womens Sports.

When asked about her expectation for the program, Mrs. Barnes responded with much enthusiasm. She feels that although the program is not completely off the ground that it will continue to build up. Mrs. Barnes concluded, "I am pleased that interest is running so high, and I feel that the benefits from the program will be numerous."



Efforts to carry the pigskin across the goal line are made by both faculty and student players in rag-tag games.

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Bisons Host Cross Country Invitational

By Don Blake

The Harding Bisons host several strong cross-country teams tomorrow for the Harding Invitational cross-country meet at the Searcy Country Club. The Bisons, still very confident after their sweep of Arkansas Tech two weeks ago, will face tough competition for the first time this year.

Defending champion Southeast

Missouri is favored to win the meet again this year. To win SEMO will have to run well against the David Lipscomb squad, seventh in the nationals last year, and Arkansas State, the only team to repeat as winners at Harding. Harding, Memphis State, and John Brown University will also push to win the title of perhaps Arkansas' top cross-country meet.

Competing from the AIC are the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Arkansas Tech, State College of Arkansas, Hendrix and Henderson.

Harding's John Ratliff, who finished second last year, is the top finisher to return. Steve Parker of SEMO and Roger Lowe of John Brown also return from last year's top five. Tim Geary, who recently received Harding's first Jim Crawford Award, will also be a top contender for the individual championship.

Geary and Ratliff hope to lead an optimistic team to a good team finish and some strong times. Other Bisons to watch are Mike Kodrich, David Embry, Bob Mead, Paul Jacoby and Perry Taylor.

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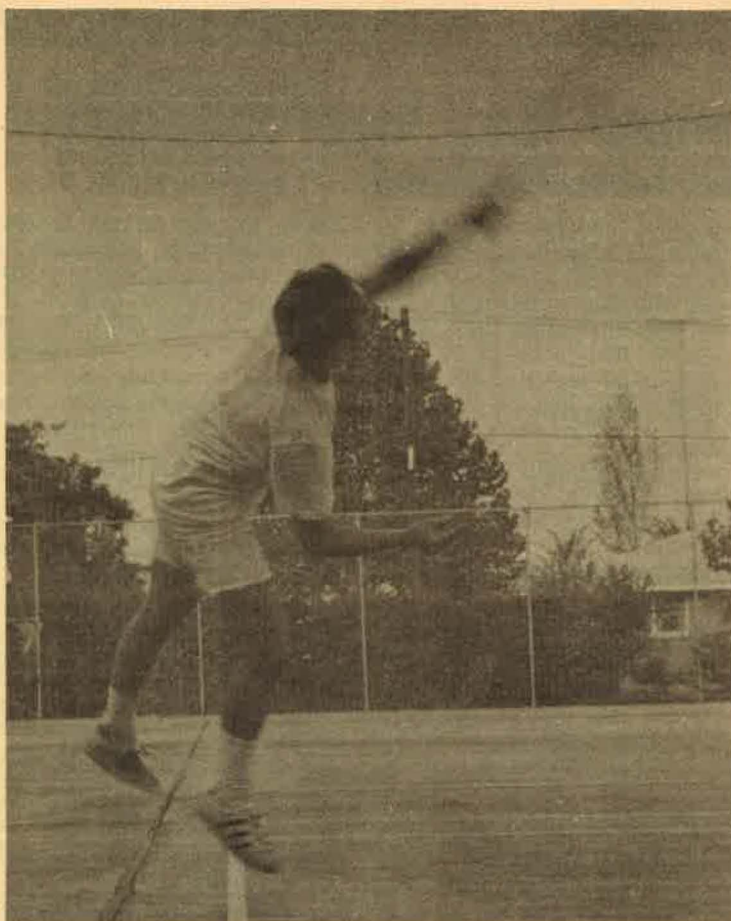
By Rick Adkins

For all of you tennis bums, here's your chance to get a taste of tournament competition. The Searcy Open Tennis Tournament is being held on campus the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of October.

There will be six divisions of competition: Men's Singles and Doubles; Class A Men's Singles and Doubles (for those of you who are average tennis players or just learning to play); Women's Singles and Doubles; and a new category this year, Mixed Doubles. This will be played only if a sufficient number of teams are entered.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners and first runners-up in each singles division and the winners of the doubles events. Each player will need one can of tennis balls for each division entered.

Deadline for entry is Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Entry blanks should be taken with the money to the office of Hugh Groover, Harding College Athletic Director. Checks should be made payable to: Director, Searcy Open Tennis Tournament.



An unidentified tennis player begins practicing for Searcy Open, to be held on Harding's courts, Oct. 1, 2, 3.

— PHOTO BY KENNY SIMS

Women's Intramurals

The Pirates rallied to beat the Angels 6-3 in the championship game. Both teams had previously defeated each other going into the final match.

Kat Sims' Angels struck first and led 1-0 after an inning of play. Hits by Jody Gillett and Belinda Sims pushed he Angels in front 3-0 in the second inning. Kay Smith, after walking, stole home in the third to put the Pirates on the scoreboard.

Both teams were held scoreless in the fourth. The Pirates captained by Bonnie Messer battled back into the game by scoring two runs in the bottom of the fifth. Doubles by Robin Brunner and Ginny Peddle and Messer's single pushed the game into extra innings.

The teams were deadlocked 3-3 throughout the sixth inning. Walks to Carol Thompson and Smith put two on in the bottom of the seventh. Robin Brunner hit a home-run to knock in the winning runs.

Smith pitched the Pirates to victory. Sims threw for the losing Angels.

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